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SUBJECT: USE OF HOTELS FOR REFUGEES AWAITING SPONSORSHIP

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1. JANUARY 22 HENRY KAMM ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES INDICATES THAT "REFUGEE OFFICIALS" BELIEVE THAT REFUGEES AWAITING SPONSORSHIP SHOULD BE PLACED IN HOTELS.

2. WE ASSUME THAT ON BALANCE EMBASSY POSITION REMAINS AS DESCRIBED REFTEL THAT PROVIDING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A-NUMBERED REFUGEES WHILE NOT UNDESIRABLE IS ON THE OTHER HAND NOT AN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY COST PARTICULARLY AS CONDITIONS AT SONGKHLA 2 ARE SOMEWHAT IMPROVED AND BECAUSE MOVING APPROVED REFUGEES FROM THE CAMPS INTO BANGKOK HOTEL SPACE WOULD NOT BE A CENTRAL FACTOR IN THE RTG ATTITUDE TOWARD REFUGEES.

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3. HOWEVER IF EMBASSY VIEWS HAVE CHANGED SINCE REFTEL, DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO CONSIDER FUNDING HOTEL COSTS WOULD NEED DETAILED BREAKOUT OF EXPENDITURES INVOLVED IN AN ICEM-MANAGED PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HOTEL SPACES TO SOME OR ALL OF ALREADY-APPROVED REFUGEES FOR THE U.S. PROGRAM. VANCE

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